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1. Yugoslavia's carbide production is reported to be centered at Dugi Rat, 20 kilometers from Split, and at Ruse in Slovenia.
2. Before the war, the Dugi Rat plant had three 6,500 kw and one 4,000 kw furnaces. The former were damaged during the war, but the 4,000 kw furnace started production as soon as the war ended. During the summer of 1948, one of the 6,500 kw furnaces was repaired and began production. It is hoped that the other two furnaces will be in production by the end of 1948.
3. The output of the Dugi Rat plant in June 1948 was 24,000 tons as compared with about 35,000 before the war.
4. Electric power for the Dugi Rat plant is supplied by the power plant on the Cetina River near Kraljevac; coke comes from Poland.
5. Carbide produced at Dugi Rat is so expensive, largely as a result of costs of coke transportation, that it is impossible to compete with world market prices.
6. The Ruse plant, on the other hand, was not damaged during the war, and its output in June 1948 was at the pre-war level of approximately 30,000 tons.
7. Electric power for the Ruse plant is supplied by the Fale power plant.
8. Each furnace works for approximately 280 days a year without interruption, after which a period of about three months is required for cleaning and repair before the furnace starts producing again.

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